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1. STORY REFERRED TO IN REFTEL CORRESPONDS TO COLUMN
BY HELIO FERNANDES IN OPPOSITIONIST "TRIBUNA DA IMPRENSA"
JUNE 10. TEXT OF STORY IN PORTUGUESE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE QUANDO ESTEVE EM DORTUMUND ASSISTINDO AO JOAO
BRASIL X HOLANDA, O SECRETARIO HENRY KISSINGER CONVERSOU
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SEM SABER COM QUEM ESTAVA CONVERSANDO, AFIRMOU TEXTUALMENTE,

QUE INNER QUOTE A GRANDE PREOCUPACAO DOS ESTADOS UNIDOS NO MOMENTO E A SITUACAO DE PORTUGAL. O CHOQUE ENTRE COMUNISTAS E ANTIGOS SALZARISTAS, ANDA EM POSTOS-CHAVES NO GOVERNO, ESTA LEVANDO O GENERAL SPINOLA A UMA SITUACAO QUASE INSUSTENTAVEL END INNERQUOTE.

O SR. HENRY KISSINGER AFIRMOU QUE O PRIMEIRO PROVAVELMENTE A SER ATINGIDO SERA O PRIMEIRO-MINISTRO PALMA CARLOS. CURIOSAMENTE, LOGO DEPOIS COMECAVAM OS RUMORES DE DEMISSAO DO PRIMEIRO-MINISTRO PALMA CARLOS. E AINDA MAIS CURIOSAMENTE, ESSES HUMORES APARECIAM NA HOLANDA E NA ITALIA, PAISES VISITADOS ULTIMAMENTE PELO SECRETARIO NORTE-AMERICANO. O SR. KISSINGER ESTEVE NA HOLANDA ANTES DE IR A DORTMUND E ESTEVE NA ITALIA ANTES DE IR A MUNICH. (ONTEM, FINALMENTE, APESAR DOS DESMENTIDOS DA MULHER DO SR. PALMA CARLOS, SE CONSUMA A SUA DEMISSAO AGRAVANDO A CRISE EM PORTUGAL. END QUOTE. THE STORY RECEIVED LITTLE NOTICE LOCALLY.

2. HELIO FERNANDES, EDITOR OF "TRIBUNA", IS KNOWN AS A JOURNALIST GIVEN TO EXPOSING OPPOSITIONIST POSITIONS ON PRACTICALLY ANY ISSUE. HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF "TRIBUNA" DURING ITS OWNERSHIP BY FORMER GUANABARA GOVERNOR CARLOS LACERDA, WHO USED IT AS A VEHICLE FOR STIDENT OPPOSITION TO THE VARGAS GOVERNMENT AND ALL ITS WORKS, AND WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN VARGAS' DOWNFALL. FERNANDES INVARIABLY WRITES FROM PERSONAL BIAS AND NOT INFREQUENTLY REPORTS RUMOR AS FACT. HIS DETRACTORS ALSO SAY THAT FERNANDES WILL TAKE MONEY TO RUN SOMEONE DOWN IN PRINT.
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